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For: BANDAGING DEVICE FOR SEQUESTERING A WOUND
OR INOCULATION SITE

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Sir:

Responsive to the Election of Species dated February 10, 2005, the species of Group III (Figs. 4 and 5) are elected for searching purposes. Claims readable on the elected species are 1-20 and 22-37. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Applicant respectfully requests that Group IV and V be considered as part of each other group. Fig. 6 and Fig. 7 illustrate embodiments for packaging any of the bandages of Figs. 1-5 and 8-9. Figs. 6 and 7 are not embodiments of the bandage. Claim 21 is readable on Fig. 6 and Fig. 7 with regard to its inclusion in Group III.

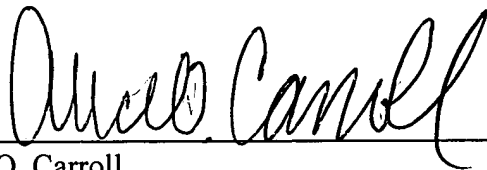
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It is respectfully noted that the following documents have been filed: a Preliminary Amendment (October 13, 2004); Amended and Replacement Drawings (October 13, 2004); Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (October 13, 2004); and, an Information Disclosure Statement (December 19, 2003).

Respectfully submitted,

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